

Every Story Whispers His Name

## December 28, 2025 Christmastide: A Voice in the Wilderness

Prelude: *Same God*

### GATHERING

Welcome

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

*Jesus What a Wonderful Child*

Matthew 1:20-22

*Joy to the World*

Kids to Children's Worship (PreK-Kindergarten)

### LISTENING

*Song of Simeon*

Prayer

Message: Turn Around

John 1:29-34

### RESPONDING

*Turn Around*

*The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

### SENDING

Blessing

Offering will be collected at the doors on the way out.

#### Pastors:

Gregg DeMey, Jeff Klein

#### Music Team:

David Hendricks, Tim Lundeen, Justin Bardolph, Billy Heschl,

Gregg DeMey, Nina Schroeder, Ella Schroeder,

Ira Cortes, *Guest Soloist*

Dave DeVasto, *Violinist*

**FAMILIES** – Resources available at the Welcome Center.

Nursery for ages 0 – 2 available.

Children's Worship for ages PreK-K

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE | DEC 31 | 7 PM

Let's ring in the New Year together – with a special evening of celebration and reflection.

### HYMN SING: HOPES & PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

#### SUNDAY | JAN 11 | 6 PM

A good old-fashioned hymn sing, with room for requests, as we sing and pray our way into 2026. Atrium Lobby.

### SMALL GROUPS OPEN HOUSE | JAN 25 | 11:15 AM

Small groups are back – in a big way! Learn more about our current small groups, meet participants and leaders, discover new opportunities to join a small group, and/or share your interest.

### COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY | WEDS & THURS STARTS MID-

**JANUARY** It's a great time to jump in! Our winter study is on Ruth – A beautiful story of faithfulness and hope.

### THRIVE: DEEP ROOTS, NEW GROWTH

Thrive is Elmhurst CRC's ministry for adults 55+, focused on faith, fellowship, learning, and community. Join us this January for our first event of the year—a potluck dinner paired with a helpful cybersecurity talk featuring local law enforcement, offering practical tips to stay safe online.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

PreK-K today and on Jan 4.

### LITTLE LAMBS SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS | JAN 14 & 15

Little Lambs offers a joyful preschool learning experience filled with music, crafts, Bible stories, creative learning, and free play. Morning, afternoon, and evening sessions are available to fit your family's schedule.

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